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one of his campaigns in Silesia he made it his habit to stroll through his camp in disguise at night to come in touch with his soldiers. One night he was stopped by a sentry, but giving the proper password, was permitted to proceed. Instead of doing so, however, he endeavored to tempt the sentry into accepting a cigar, saying that a smoke would solace his long watch.

"It is against the rules," said the soldier.

"But you have my permission," said the king.

"Your permission! Who are you?"

"I am the king."

"The king be hanged!" said the incorruptible sentry. "What would my captain say?"—Ex.

One on James Whitcomb Riley.—James Whitcomb Riley was an unwilling witness in a civil suit in which one witness was plaintiff and the other defendant. He didn't want to testify, because both men were his friends, and, besides, he had an aversion to courts and trials and all that goes with them, formed when he gave up the study of Blackstone in his early manhood.

One of the lawyers in the case, a pompous fellow with a just-watch-me-settle-this-fellow's-hash bearing, became angered when Riley apparently evaded answering his questions directly. He spoke to Riley sharply:

"Now, look here, Mr. Riley; this won't do. You're not answering my questions. Let's get down to facts now. You know we're entitled to know what you know about this case. You studied for the bar once and you know law. Isn't that true?"

"No," Riley drawled in reply. "I don't know any more law than you do!"—Ex.

BOOK REVIEWS.

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The Workmen's Compensation Laws of Virginia and West Virginia, Together with Rules of Procedure and Other Information Compiled, Annotated and Indexed by James F. Minor, B. A., B. L. of the Richmond, Virginia Bar. The Michie Company, Law Publishers, Charlottesville, Virginia. Price \$5.00.

This is an exceedingly timely and valuable volume, prepared in such a way as to make it very easy to find the law and the decisions on similar points and questions arising under the acts of other States. The author and compiler was formerly an Associate Editor of the REGISTER and we are glad to find that he has continued his valuable

work in law writing. This is the only book which makes accessible to the bar of Virginia and West Virginia their important acts passed upon this new subject and we commend it most heartily to the profession of both states. Nor would its usefulness be confined entirely to these two states, because the general principles of the law seem to be the same in most of the states which have compensation laws, and therefore the bar of every state having such laws will find this volume not only valuable for comparison but for reference to adjudicated cases.

American Law Reports Annotated—Editors in Chief Burdett A. Rich and M. Blair Wailes. Consulting Editor William M. Mc-Kinney. Managing Editors H. Noyes Greene, Henry P. Farnham, George H. Parmele, Assisted by the Exceptionally Experienced Editorial Organizations of the Publishers. Vol. I. The Lawyers Coöperative Publishing Company, Rochester, N. Y. Edward Thompson Company, Northport, L. I., N. Y. Bancroft-Whitney Company, San Francisco, Calif. Price \$5.00

Anything which lessens the number of law books is a blessing to the profession and when two such valuable series as the American and English Annotated cases and the Lawyers Reports Annotated combine and give us one volume instead of two, it is an unmixed blessing; and this especially in view of the fact that the merits of both publications seem to be combined in the present volume, and a greater improvement is made in our judgment in every respect. The mere physical features are better; the typography and enlarged type page are great improvements; so is the novel and effective style of printing the syllabi, and the head note catch lines lessen the labor of the examiner to a great extent. We congratulate the profession as well as the publishers upon this excellent wine in new bottles. We are particularly interested in the notes on "Self-Serving Declarations," on page 89, and the note on page 653, "Shares of Corporate Stock as Subject of Execution or Attachment." Also the note on "Right of Purchaser of Stolen Bonds," on page 717. The note on page 1060, "What Constitutes an Open Current Account within the Statute of Limitations," is also valuable. A note of good deal of novelty is on page 1113 as to the "Validity, Construction and Effect of Statute Limiting Scienter as Condition of Liability for Injury by Dog or Other Animal."

These are but a few of the valuable annotations in this new and valuable series.